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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL EXPANSION, OPIC INSURANCE AND BEAN CO.

1. DECISION REGARDING OPIC INSURANCE MADE ON GROUNDS OF SUPPORTING U.S. FIRM'S (BEAN) COMPETITIVE POSITION AND AS A SIGN OF USG WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH GOE TO BROADEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS. THIS DECISION DOES NOT REFLECT ANY COMMITMENT BY U.S. GOVERNMENT ON FINANCING ANY PART EXPANSION PROJECT OR PREJUDGE OUR POSITION ON THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF CANAL EXPANSION. NO USG FINANCING OF THIS PROJECT IS CONTEMPLATED FOR FY 75 AND WHILE DOOR NOT CLOSED ON USG FINANCING IN FUTURE YEARS, THIS QUESTION IS PREMATURE GIVEN COMPLEX OF FACTORS INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OF US FUNDS, ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION OF PROJECT, AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCING. THIS IS SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE THAT PARSKY'S OFFICE GAVE BEAN, AND STATE AND TREASURY HAVE BEEN IN CON-
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TACT WITH BEAN WASHINGTON REP TO CLARIFY MISUNDERSTANDING

OF BEAN REP IN CAIRO.

2. WE HOPE OUR ACTIONS ON OPIC MATTER ARE NOT BEING INTER-
PRETED BY GOE AS UNDERCUTTING IBRD POSITION OF NECESSITY
FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EXPANSION PROJECT. MOREOVER, WE
ENVISAGE IBRD RATHER THAN US GOVERNMENT WILL PLAY THE PARA-
MOUNT ROLE IN DISCOURAGING EXPANSION BEFORE FEASIBILITY
STUDY COMPLETED. DEPARTMENT LEAVES IT TO YOUR DISCRETION
TO JUDGE WHETHER EGYPTIANS MISUNDERSTAND OUR POSITION AND

WHETHER YOU SHOULD DISCUSS ANY OF THE ABOVE WITH MASHOUR.
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